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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5361  
INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
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AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRAGUE 1260

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, CZ, IT  
SUBJECT: CONTRASTS IN CZECHOSLOVAK REACTION TO MORO DEATH

1. CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA HAVE STUCK MAINLY TO FACTUAL REPORTING OF THE SEARCH FOR MORO AND DISCOVERY OF HIS BODY. ALL MENTION OF ALLEGATIONS THAT RED BRIGADES HAD CZECHOSLOVAK CONNECTION HAS, OF COURSE, BEEN AVOIDED AFTER INITIAL FLURRY CAUSED BY NYT ARTICLE (PRATUE 1117 AND 1211) IN EARLY MAQUM

2. IN CONTRAST, PRESIDENT HUSAK AT MAY 9 RECEPTION, MADE POINT OF TAKING ITALIAN AMBASSADOR ASIDE TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES AND EMPHASIZE HIS ABHORRENCE OF WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS  
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MORO'S "CRIMINAL AND BARBARIC" MURDER. ON MAY 15, WHILE SIGNING CONDOLENCE BOOK AT ITALIAN EMBASSY, AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT FORMER MINISTER CHNOUPEK ECHOED HUSAK'S REVULSION AGAINST MORO'S KILLING IN AN EXTENDED NOTE OF SYMPATHY.

3. COMMENT: WESTERN PRESS ASSERTIONS OF CZECHOSLOVAK TRAINING OF, AND SUPPORT FOR, THE ITALIAN RED BRIGADES HAVE BECOME

A HIGHLY SENSITIVE ISSUE IN PRAGUE. WHILE THE EMBASSY CAN NEITHER  
PROVE NOR DISPROVE THE "CZECHOSLOVAK CONNECTION"  
--BEYOND NOTING RELIABLE REPORTS OF CZECH CONTACTS WITH RADICAL  
ITALIAN LEFTISTS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE RED BRIGADES(PRAGUE 0883)-  
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WE SEE THIS ISSUE AS ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT IMPEDIMENT TO HUSAK'S LONGTE  
RM  
EFFORT TO GAIN LEGITIMACY FOR HIS POST-DUBCEK REGIME. INTER  
ALIA, THE MORO CASE WILL DOUBTLESS ALSO ADD TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S  
WOES AS PRINCIPAL WHIPPING BOY OF THE EUROCOMMUNISTS.  
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